



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

## A PROCLAMATION

### YOUTH ART MONTH

- WHEREAS: The study of art fosters a greater understanding of our culture and history that offers respite to our minds and souls; and
- WHEREAS: The training and visual acuity gained through the art experience opens new worlds to art educators for students and patrons. As such, it is important to expose our children and youth to art; and
- WHEREAS: Art is a valuable contribution to the total education experience of Georgia's children. Evolving society requires physical and philosophical visions that can be enhanced by an appreciation of the arts, from visual and performing to literary and folk art; and
- WHEREAS: The National Art Education Association, in conjunction with the Georgia Art Education Association, is striving to improve the well-being of our communities by upgrading visual awareness and the cultural strength of Georgia and the nation as a whole; and
- WHEREAS: This year's theme is: "The Power of Art"; now
- THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2016 as YOUTH ART MONTH in Georgia and encourage our citizens to support and instill an appreciation of the arts in our youth.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord two thousand sixteen.



*Nathan Deal*

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

*Chris W. Riley*

CHIEF OF STAFF